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Aronson et al.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office
Action dated July 31, 2002, for the above identified patent
application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing
insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Rewrite the pending claims and add new claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Laser apparatus for generating laser light to
be transmitted through an optical transmission system,
comprising:

a laser that emits light that is substantially linearly
polarized; and

a quarter wave retarder plate, disposed with respect to
the laser so that the emitted laser light passes through the
quarter wave retarder plate prior to transmission of the
emitted laser light through the optical transmission system,
the quarter wave retarder plate causing the emitted laser

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